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## IN THE CLAIMS:

The following list of claims will replace all prior versions and listings:

- 1. (Cancelled)
- 2. (Cancelled)
- (Currently Amended) An <u>automated</u> method for compensating financial asset service providers comprising:
  - identifying a service provider who is responsible for at least collection of a

    plurality of payments from a debtor to a creditor in connection with a

    financial account related to at least one loan and for making a plurality of

    payments to the creditor; and
  - determining a financial asset services value to be paid to the service provider as a percentage of the principal and interest paid in connection with the financial account[[.1]; and
  - wherein the preceding steps are implemented by a computer, comprising at least a computer processor.
- (Currently Amended) An <u>automated</u> method for compensating financial asset service providers comprising:
  - identifying a service provider who is responsible for at least collection of a plurality of payments from a debtor to a creditor in connection with a financial account related to at least one loan and for making a plurality of payments to the creditor:

- determining a financial asset services value to be paid to the service provider as a percentage of the principal and interest paid in connection with the financial account; and
- determining a value of a financial asset service agreement to perform financial asset services in exchange for the financial asset services value wherein a cost of providing financial asset services is subtracted from the financial asset services value[[.]]; and

wherein the preceding steps are implemented by a computer, comprising at least a computer processor.

- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Cancelled)
- (Previously Presented) The method for compensating financial asset service providers as claimed in claim 3 wherein said financial asset is a mortgage loan.
- (Previously Presented) The method for compensating a financial asset service provider as claimed in claim 4 wherein said financial asset is a mortgage loan.
- 9. (Cancelled)
- 10. (Cancelled)
- (Previously Presented) The method for compensating financial asset service providers as claimed in claim 3 wherein said financial asset is a credit card account.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The method for compensating a financial asset service provider as claimed in claim 4 wherein said financial asset is a credit card account.

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- 13. (Cancelled)
- 14. (Cancelled)
- 15. (Cancelled)
- 16. (Cancelled)
- 17. (Currently Amended) An <u>automated</u> method for structuring a financial asset service agreement wherein fees collected in servicing a financial asset related to at least one loan are based upon a percentage of both the principal and interest paid in connection with the financial asset[[.]]; and wherein the preceding step is implemented by a computer, comprising at least a computer processor.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The method for structuring a financial asset service agreement as claimed in claim 17 wherein the financial asset is a mortgage loan.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The method for structuring a financial asset service agreement as claimed in claim 17 wherein the financial asset is a credit card account.